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FISH PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to educate people engaged in fisheries about technical know-how so that better production could be achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the production of fish in the country during the last three years and current year, State-wise;

(d) whether present fish production capacity is adequate for each State; and

(e) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the fish production alongwith the storage capacity and marketing?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Training of fishermen and fish farmers in modern aquaculture practices is one of the main components of the Schemes `Development of Freshwater Aquaculture` and `Development of Integrated Coastal Aquaculture`. Under these schemes fish farmers are trained through a network of 422 Fish Farmers` Development Agencies (FFDA) and 39 Brackishwater Fish Farmers` Development Agencies (BFDA).

A Centrally Sponsored Sector Scheme `Training and Extension` is also being implemented with the objective of augmenting the availability of qualified manpower for fisheries and broad basing the extension system. The main features of this scheme are: Introduction of short-term training programmes for fisheries extension officers and fish farmers on aquaculture, mariculture and other aspects related to fisheries development. Setting up of Awareness/ Training Centres with Laboratory and dormitory facilities. Bringing out publicity material on different aspects of fisheries for use of fisheries personnel and fishermen/fish farmers. Production of video films on fisheries technologies and giving publicity through media. Organising and conducting National level workshops, seminars, meetings, etc. for exchange of information and for working out the future strategy. Beside the above, four institutes under the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, eight research institutes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and nine Colleges of Fisheries under the State Agricultural Universities are also engaged in human resource development activities for the fisheries sector.

(c): Details are given in the Annexure.

(d) and (e): The fish production capacity is of the States is being enhanced by the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes which are currently being implemented.

(1) Development of Coastal Marine fisheries through

(i) Motorisation of traditional crafts;

(ii) Reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD oil purchased by mechanised fishing crafts of length below 20 m; and

(iii) Implementation of marine Fisheries Regulation Act and construction of Artificial Reefs.

(2) Development of Integrated Coastal Aquaculture

(3) Development of Freshwater Aquaculture

(4) Construction of Fishing Harbours and Fish Landing Centres.

A total of 41 marketing units have been sanctioned in various States to promote marketing facilities.